Sukkat Shalom

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EVENTS & SERVICES

Date	<u>Friday 1st August</u>
Event	Erev Shabbat Service
Venue	Columcille Centre,
	Newbattle Terrace
Time	7pm

Our monthly Erev Shabbat service will be held at Columcille.

DateSaturday 16th AugustEventShabbat ServiceVenueColumcille Centre,
Newbattle TerraceTime11 am

Rabbi Mark will be leading the service. Nigel Cole, President of Liberal Judaism will be joining us for this service.

DateFriday 5th SeptemberEventErev Shabbat ServiceVenueColumcille Centre,
Newbattle TerraceTime7pm

The cheder children will be leading the Erev Shabbat service, so please come and give them lots of support. The service will be followed by a family supper. Please bring a non-meat dish to share.

Rabbi Mark will be up the weekend of 15-17 August. He will be taking the **Choosing Judaism** class on Sunday morning. He'll also be leading the **Tea and Talmud** session on Shabbat afternoon, 2-4pm (see p.10 for more details on Tea and Talmud.)

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Forthcoming Events for Sukkat Shalom

24th August -- barbecue (see p.2 for details)

5th September -- cheder children lead the erev Shabbat service

29th September -- Erev Rosh Hashanah 30th September -- Rosh Hashanah

8th October -- Kol Nidre 9th October -- Yom Kippur

And, looking past the High Holy Days:

Weekend of Dec 5–7 -- Student Rabbi Tanya Sakhnovich will return to lead a service and a weekend of activities.

Jewish Calendar for August 2008

2nd August -- Rosh Hodesh Av

9th August -- Tisha b'Av

31st August -- Rosh Hodesh Elul

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It's Summer -- Time for the BBQ!

The annual BBQ will be on Sunday 24th August, at Kate & Nick's, 18 Grange Knowe Linlithgow. (tel. 01506 845325)

- \neg Arrive any time from 12.30pm.
- Any contributions of food and drink welcome, but preferably not pork!
- □ All welcome kids, adults, friends, relatives....
- If anyone wants a lift from Linlithgow station, just call (but ideally let us know beforehand so we've not drunk too much...)

By car, come off the M9 at junction 3, turn left towards Linlithgow. As you go past the 'Sun' factory, there is a turning for Grange View on the left. Turn in there, then left at the roundabout into Grange Knowe. We're in the first cul-de-sac on the right.

Also, don't worry too much about the weather. Last year it rained but we did the cooking in the garage and ate in the house, so we'll be going ahead come rain or shine!

High Holy Days 5769

It's coming up to that time of the year again, so just a brief reminder that Rosh Hashanah is on Tuesday 30th September and Yom Kippur on Thursday 9th October.

This year our services will be lead by an American Rabbi, Haskell Bernat, and further details will be sent to you in the coming weeks. For now though, just a couple of points.

As has now become our tradition (well, we've done it for the last two years, anyway!), we will be inviting anyone who would like to blow the shofar on Rosh Hashanah to do so during the service. So, if you would like to do so but feel a bit shy, you've got plenty of time to pluck up your courage and get ready to volunteer!

Secondly, we will be ordering our lulav and etrog shortly. If anyone would like one, please see/contact Nick and we can order extra. The cost is likely to be in the region of £35.

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group

'Making Faith Books'

Date: 6th August

Venue: Nicolson Square Church

Time: 7.00 p.m.

Please bring vegetarian finger food to share before the meeting.

If anyone is planning to go to this event, please let Rebekah know (for numbers) at <u>rivkah1943@btinternet.com</u>

The next full meeting will be held on24th September at 7.00 p.m (same venue). We'll continue the discussion on Palestine and Israel.

Sukkat Shalom - Meetings of the Council

If anyone in the Community has an item or issue which they would like to be discussed by the Council, or would like to attend the next Council meeting, please get in touch with one of our Council members . The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, 3rd September. (Maurice is in the States until the High Holy Days, but Council will get on just fine without him!)

ELJC Website

Council is discussing an overhaul of the website, giving it a complete new look. In the meantime, one useful facility has been restored (in a minimal form): the **community calendar** is up to date again at <u>www.eljc.org/calendar</u>

Festival Preview

Each year we scour the various festivals for events with Jewish themes or interest or related works. With so many events happening it's hard to be absolutely comprehensive, but here's a list of shows that might be of interest. Many thanks to Francoise Robertson for her help compiling this list.

Edinburgh International Festival

Dybbuk

Tr Warszawa Based on a play by Szymon Anski and a short story by Hannah Krall, Adapted by Krzysztof Warlikowki In Polish with English supertitles King's Theatre 9-11 August

Contemporary reworking of a classic Jewish tale, exploring Poland's relationship with its Jewish population in the 20th century.

Deca Dance 2008

Batsheva Dance Company Edinburgh Playhouse 28-30 August

Contemporary dance from an Israeli company in a programme of works to showcase the breadth of choreographer Ohad Naharin's invention.

Israel in Egypt by George Frideric Handel

Edinburgh Festival Chorus Usher Hall 13 August

An English-language performance of Handel's biblical oratorio featuring the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and baroque star Emmanuelle Haim.

Also of note:

The Edinburgh International Festival's programme this year focuses on Europe and cultural borders. The programme includes a performance from the Palestinian National Theatre and several shows exploring the effects of fascism in Europe.

Edinburgh Book Festival

George Steiner

17 August

In his 80th year the renowned thinker and influential critic outlines in *My Unwritten Book*s the seven books he has never written, but always wanted to write, revealing much of his remarkable life along the way.

Eva Figes and Ladislas Lob 10 August

Remarkable accounts of Jews escaping the Nazis. Eva Figes tells of the fate of their family housemaid, despised in Palestine as a German Jew - a new and polemical perspective on Israel. Ladislaus Löb was rescued from Bergen-Belsen by a deal made between Rezsö Kasztner and Adolf Eichmann. *Dealing With Satan* examines the contradictions of Kasztner, later murdered by an extremist gang in Israel.

Edna Fernandes 19 August

An overlooked and marginalised community is brought back to life in *The Last Jews of Kerala: The 2,000 Year History of India's Forgotten Jewish Community*. Following last year's highly successful event on Indian fundamentalism, Edna Fernandes illuminates a rich and little-known part of India's teeming diversity.

Also of interest:

Return of the Soul: the Nakbah Project , an installation exploring the experiences of Palestinians refugees by Scottish artist Jane Frere, opens in Edinburgh on 30 July as part of the Edinburgh Art Festival, 30 July – 18 August, Patriothall Gallery@WASPS.

fringe

Moishe's Bagel The Lot, Grassmarket 13, 21, 24 August

Rip-roaring, foot-stomping, jazz-inflected klezmer from some of Scotland's finest. An intoxicating, life-affirming mix of Eastern European dance music, Middle Eastern rhythms and virtuoso performances.

Yiddish Song Project

The Lot, Grassmarket

12, 20, 23 August Following a successful run last year, Yiddish

Song Project return to the Fringe for three nights. The band will perform their inimitable heart warming mixture of Yiddish Swing, the traditional klezmer tunes of the shtetl and new compositions in Yiddish – from "Yiddishe Mama" to their own iconic composition "Chicken Soup Freylakhs".

The band rescues old Yiddish songs, otherwise doomed to obscurity, and attracts extremely eclectic audiences ranging from young world music fans, to Jewish music enthusiasts, to older people remembering the Yiddish of their youth.

Vocalist Stephanie Brickman is joined by Phil Alexander (Moishe's Bagel, Salsa Celtica) on accordion / piano and clarinettist Jo Nicholson (Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Royal Scottish National Orchestra and others).



This is Not a Subject for Comedy Ivor Dembina/Laughing Horse Free Festival 4 India Buildings, Victoria Street Comic exploration of 60 years of Israel. 'Admission free, gentiles half price.'

Gender Pretenders

The Schmooze Brothers 10-16 August Quinentenary Hall, Royal College of Surgeons, Studio A

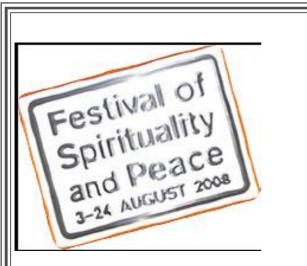
Pushing hard on the boundaries of gender, this truly outrageous drag kind caberet troupe has been a rave in London. Be prepared for pure parody -- poking fun at male stereotypes and celebrities, spiced up with a bit of tongue-incheek raunchiness. The Schmooze Brothers take you to a totally new dimension of drag. Provocative and entertaining; stars Liberal Judaism's (and ours!) Avivit Katzil and Anna Gerrard. Not for children.



The Arab, the Jew and the Chicken Conflictrelief C Central

A fun, fast and feisty exploration of conflict, identity and everyday life in the Middle East ... oh and the chickens! Formed in October 2006 and sparked by the friendship between a Palestinian refugee and an ex-Israeli army officer, Conflictrelief brings together Arab, Israeli Jewish and Muslim actors from diverse theatrical backgrounds to explore the Middle East conflict through comedy.





Keynote: How to Change the World 5 August

Rabbi Lionel Blue, in conversation with Fr Gerard Hughes SJ, muses on our idealistic desire to change the world.

Keeping Body and Soul Together 6 August

A discussion of appetites and needs as human beings, focusing on food by Rabbi Lionel Blue and Revd Richard Frazer.

Keynote: Walking to Jerusalem 11 August

Reflections on how to establish people in present-day Jerusalem with Fr Gerard Hughes, Rabbi David Rose and others.

Trembling before G-d

6 August

Groundbreaking documentary about lesbian and gay Orthodox Jews, followed by a Q&A.

The focus this year is on change for the wellbeing of people and planet, which means that there are a number of special events addressing social justice or the environment, like the Fair Trade Fashion Show on 10 August, Powering Green Business on 5 August and Dr Brunhead's Wild Waste Show (extreme science & the environment for young people) which will also be of interest. Furrther details about any of the events are available at www.festivalofspirituality.org.uk.



A Jewish Journey through Song, Music and Story 19 August

Two renowned performers from Jerusalem in a musical and storytelling performance.

Wings of the spirit concerts are presented by 2 multi-talented performers: Tirtza Singer & Chana Sophia Yaffe, both from Jerusalem. Tirtza's lilting soprano voice is beautifully accompanied with her lyric playing of the piano and harp, offset by deep drum rhythms. Chana presents enthralling tales with authentic sensitivity. Her voice adds a vibrant depth and resonance.





A Tour of East European Synagogues

Alasdair and I recently returned from our (slightly belated) honeymoon, we travelled through Prague, Bratislava and Budapest on a tour fuelled by ice cream, beer, and (slightly unexpectedly) synagogues.

While I have done my fair share of cathedraltourism, it was the first time I had been in a synagogue as a tourist, and certainly the first time I had been in synagogues as old as the ones we visited. I was staggered by the beauty and scale of the architecture, as well as the numbers of synagogues in each city.



In Prague we first went to the Jewish cemetery. I had heard a lot about it, but wasn't prepared for both how small it was, and how peaceful. Because there was a limited amount of space for the community to use for burials, when they had filled the space, they brought in more soil and lifted the headstones up onto the next level. The ground level of the cemetery is currently about the height of the roof of a van!



The area of the cemetery is very quiet, even though there are bustling streets all around it. On the grounds of the cemetery is the ceremonial hall, which houses artefacts which relate to the burial society and rituals. The most impressive part of the exhibition is a series of panels, painted in the 1880s by an anonymous artist, depicting the duties and rituals of the burial societies. They are simple compositions, but very evocative of the time and the solemnity of the occasions they depict.

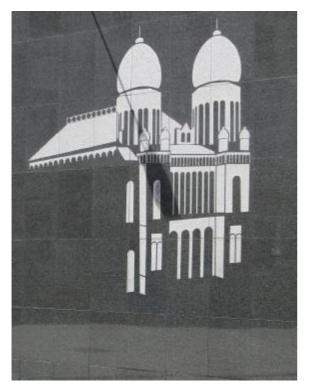


Outside the cemetery there are a startling number of synagogues; several have been turned into museums housing artefacts from synagogues from across the area. Beautifully embroidered velvet hangings, silver torah adornments, and books of statutes filled a space that should have been filled with people. The space felt strangely empty, even though it was full of devotional objects.



The Jewish town hall (pictured above) was next to the Old-New Synagogue, in the heart of the Jewish quarter. Sections of the synagogue were built in the late 1200s and the sanctuary looks like it has eroded from the bedrock, rather than being a human construction. The interior felt very cave-like and ancient, and it was easy to imagine centuries of worshippers moving in and out like a timelapse film.

Bratislava had a very different feel. The synagogue had been knocked down to make way for a ring-road, all that was left was a sculpture and an image of the façade on a wall.



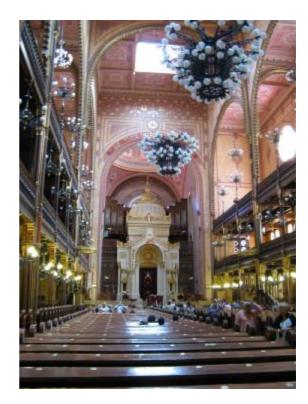
The Jewish Museum in Bratislava was hidden in a courtyard. We were the only ones there, and the whole building was virtually silent. Oddly, considering the synagogue had been destroyed, the first thing you came across in the courtyard was a 19th century wooden hearse, in perfect condition, lacking only the horses.

The museum had a beautiful Shabbat table laid as part of the display of cultural objects. I was constantly amazed by the intricacy of the objects we saw, menorah in the shape of animals, seder plates with men holding wheelbarrows for the charoset, and havdalah spice boxes shaped like elephants. It was obvious people had poured their aspirations and enthusiasm for their public and private religious life into commissioning these beautiful objects.

I couldn't imagine how the care, love and dedication that had gone into these objects could have disappeared so suddenly.



The tour ended on a more uplifting note, with the stunning synagogue in Budapest (the largest in Europe, able to seat around 3,000 people). The whole mood was more hopeful, perhaps because of the historically more positive attitude of the Hungarian people towards their Jewish neighbours. There were amazing documents which showed early examples of Hungarian text written in Hebrew characters, and royal declarations expanding and rescinding the rights of Jews in the Austro-Hungarian Empire.



Once inside the synagogue itself, I was again impressed with the grandeur and expense that had gone into the building and its decoration. The guidebook pointed out that the community had been eager to show its Hungarianness and decorated the building in a way that was similar to contemporary churches, but it was also a very Jewish space.

We had a bit of a giggle when we noticed that they had replaced the candles with energy saving bulbs, which were so well camouflaged it took several minutes to work out what was vaguely unsettling about them!



In the synagogue grounds, there were the graves of as many of the inhabitants of the ghetto they could identify and bury; this led into a courtyard with a striking memorial tree made of metal. Each of the branches of the weeping willow held metal leaves inscribed with names of people who had died in the Holocaust. It was both a reminder and a symbol of hope that their memory would continue to live on.



Overall I found the trip made more real to me the size and scale of the communities that existed in Eastern Europe before World War II. While I understood that hundreds of thousands of people had been involved, it wasn't until you are faced with row upon row of torah ornaments, or a case full of yod that you start to multiply each by the number of people required to support a community.

It also underlined how much of an impact these communities could still have, even after they had physically disappeared; and how as Jewish communities we are all linked, even across great geographical and historical distances.

Katy Bromberg



News from the Scottish Council of Jewish Communities

Sukkat Shalom was featured on the cover of issue 17 of *Four Corners*, the ScoJeC newsletter. Phil and Maurice (as Ahashverus and Haman) adorned the cover, and an article on the Dr Who-themed Purimspiel was included. Four Corners is available for download at:

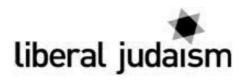
www.scojec.org/four corners/four corners.html.

Mazal Tov to SCoJeC director Ephraim Borowski, who was awarded an MBE in the Queen's New Year Honours List, for services on behalf of the Jewish Community in Scotland.

SCoJeC has been instrumental in organising an **interfaith pilgrimage to Israel** as part of an initiative to increase understanding and friendship between communities in Scotland. On their return participants will visit a wide range of organisations to talk about their experiences, which they hope will enable them to make a positive contribution to the development of good relations between Scotland's many faith communities. Participants wrote a diary of the pilgrimage (online at <u>http://tinyurl.com/62zdfk)</u>

Scotland's Jews by Kenneth Collins, Ephraim Borowski, and Leah Granat, was launched at Garnethill Synagogue in Glasgow on Sunday 22 June. It has been published with support from the Scottish Government, and the launch was attended by the Minister of Communities and Sport, Stewart Maxwell. Jewish issues in employment, health and other contexts, and the demography of the community as revealed in the 2001 census. There is also a basic introduction to Jewish beliefs and practices, and a guide to John Clark's celebrated stained glass windows, originally commissioned for Queens Park Synagogue and now housed in Giffnock Synagogue in Glasgow.

Scotland's Jews will be distributed to all MSPs, Scottish MPs, schools, libraries, local councils, police forces, and hospitals. It is available free online (at <u>http://tinyurl.com/6c8xxg</u>) or can be purchased from SCoJeC for £6.00 (inc. p&p)



'tent' Summer Getaway

Friday 29th - Sunday 31st August 2008. It's the return of the classic 'tent' getaway with praying, singing, eating, walking, learning and partying in the Lee Valley . The theme: Tshuva (return) for Rosh Chodesh Elul. The party: return to the 50s featuring swing dance with Simon and Kirsty. £80 includes accommodation, meals and activities. Nearest station: Cheshunt (20 mins from London Liverpool Street). Contact Avivit on <u>a.katzil@liberaljudaism.org</u> or 07866 501 787.

New Rabbis Ordained at Leo Baeck College

Leo Baeck College celebrated the Ordination of six new progressive Rabbis on Sunday 29th June at the Liberal Jewish Synagogue, St John's Wood. It was the culmination of their five-year rabbinic training programme, and the Ordinands (four men and two women) represent a new cadre of rabbis and teachers for the 21st century. One of the Ordinands is Rabbi Nathan Alfred, who led the High Holy Day services for ELJC last year. Mazel Tov!

LJ Today Seeks Editorial Committee Members

Liberal Judaism's bi-monthly magazine, now being published in full colour, is looking for one or two new members to join its editorial committee. If you are brimming with ideas that will help to shape the editorial content of LJ Today, please contact Beattie Sayers at <u>ljtodayeditor@liberaljudaism.org</u>. The editorial committee meets six times a year at the Montagu Centre.

Tea & Talmud

Rabbi Mark is leading a diverse group of adult learners in a series of 'Tea and Talmud' sessions. We meet on an afternoon or evening during the weekends when Rabbi Mark visits.

Many people might think that studying selections from the Talmud would be either intimidating or boring. But those of us learning Talmud with Rabbi Mark will tell you that it's neither! We always have English translations to refer to, and the study is guided. The Talmud contains a number of fascinating characters and stories, and the rabbis grapple with questions both large and small. One of the elements I find most interesting is the way the Talmud includes debate and disagreement, as well as minority opinions.

Discussions at Tea & Talmud, like the Talmud itself, cover a wide range of topics. At the moment we're looking at the obligations spouses have toward each other.

New learners can join at any time -there's no need to wait for a new 'session'. There will be tea and cakes or snacks, of course. And you'll be able to participate in an age-old Jewish tradition while getting a fascinating glimpse into the the development of Jewish laws and customs and debating what they mean for us today.

Kristi Long

Tea & Talmud will be meeting on Saturday, 16th August, 2-4pm, probably at Columcille Centre. For more information and confirmation of the venue, contact Lindsay at <u>lindsay.levy@googlemail.com</u>.

Edinburgh Jewish Events Calendar

Edinburgh Women's Interfaith Group

6th August on "Making Faith Books".

24th September - Continuation of the discussion on Palestine and Israel.

The above meetings will be at Nicolson Square Church at 7.00 p.m.

Edinburgh Jewish Community Centre Events (Salisbury Road)

21st September Coffee Morning
26th October Quiz night
22nd November Race Night
20th December Chanukah Dinner
25th January Burns Supper

Rabbi Nancy at the Scottish Parliament

Rabbi Nancy Morris of the Glasgow Reform Synagogue recently gave the 'Time for Reflection' opening address at the Scottish Parliament. The text of her talk is available on the Scottish Parliament's website at http://tinyurl.com/6e6odb.

But this I do call to mind, Therefore I have hope: The kindness of Adonai has not ended, His mercies are not spent. They are renewed every morning ---

Lamentations

Windows for Peace is Green and Growing

Fifteen young people between the ages of 13 and 16 visited Edinburgh this summer for two weeks as part of the international programme *Windows for Peace* (WfP). ELJC was an early advocate and supporter of this programme.

WfP held an Open Day forum with the volunteers, staff and participants on 25 August 2008. It was very well attended (including strong representation from the Edinburgh Hebrew Community).

The participants included boys and girls from Bethlehem, Jaffa and Tel Aviv. According to WfP's Director, Rutie Atsmon, from Tel Aviv, "It is very difficult for the young people to meet in Israel or the West Bank because we must receive parental permission and visas which are often difficult to obtain. Weekends are a problem too because Christians, Jews and Muslims, each celebrate a different Sabbath." So for a better way of meeting, the participants were enabled to come to Edinburgh for two weeks through local support, including the generosity of 120 local donors.

The young people were asked for their impressions of the experience. One thing stood out in the replies: prior to participating they were aware only of their own view of the world from their own traditional Palestinian or Israeli perspective. As a result of their time in the workshop, they are now more aware of others' past suffering, and their hopes and dreams for a better world.

They were also all extremely positive about Scotland and Edinburgh! One young woman stated that her preconception of Scotland was vistas of miles and miles of "shockingly" green land unfolding before her eyes. After her arrival, she noticed that Scotland is also a place of beautiful cities such as Edinburgh, and of very nice people.

Perhaps this concept of Scotland as a land of abundant green vistas is a good metaphor for WfP. Through the interactions among the young people and their successful visit to Scotland, perhaps the prospects for peace in the Middle East may also become greener and lead to new growth.

Joe Goldblatt

(Note: WfP internationally is now officially called "Windows - Channels for Communication")

Windows - Channels for Communication was established in 1991. Members are Jews and Palestinians from both sides of the Green Line (in Israel and the occupied territories). It runs programmes to build communication and trust through educational and cultural programmes, media and art, especially between Jewish and Arab children. Since 1995 the programme has included a regular magazine, written and edited by young people on both sides of the divide: www.win-peace.org.

Windows for Peace UK has been set up to support Windows for Communication in the UK. To contribute or contact Windows for Peace (UK) please write to PO Box 177, Manchester M21 9YP or visit <u>www.windowsforpeace.uk.org</u>.



Davar Acher (another word)

As Joe says, we in Sukkat Shalom supported Windows for Peace at the time of our very first Kol Nidre Appeal. I was an enthusiast for WfP from the time, not long before, that I heard Rutie speak in London. But Judy Sischy, who lives in Edinburgh and has written in our newsletter about this workshop, took enthusiasm to a different level when she first learned about WfP; she has worked tirelessly to bring the workshop here and make it a success. (She says that support from ELJC has been a big help to her in the last few months.)

Hearing the young people themselves speak on Friday put our efforts in perspective. They have to go through a lot to take part, and the workshops themselves can be hard: there is real conflict, which has to be expressed for it to be understood. But to hear them speak about what they have learned in living and working together was really inspiring, both for itself and also in the example it shows of what people in conflict can achieve even Israelis and Palestinians!—when once they enter a true dialogue.

Maurice Naftalin

The Exchange

Do you have something you'd like to buy, sell, trade? Want to announce an achievement, or just share a bit of news with others in the community? Send contributions for the Members' Exchange to the editor at <u>newsletter@eljc.org</u>.

We have a **wooden typist's desk** with a section that flips up to hold papers etc. It has three drawers down the left-hand side and it's a sort of gloss oak finish. Desk is 78 cm high, 103 cm wide and 71 cm deep. Contact Katy Bromberg at katy@misericordia.co.uk.

For Sale - Piano Accordion - Fixed Price (i.e. no offers) only £150

A red Chanson 24 bass piano accordion in black hard case with CDs.

May include a Klezmer music book with it if interested.

Brand new, never used.

Also must sell - Full-sized 'Cello -Fixed Price (i.e. no offers) £1000

This is a professional musician's instrument - 'Cello with professional quality Jargar medium strings, handmade bridge (Stevenson) and professionally set up by Stevenson.

It has a black padded case with carrying strap and a good bow - other accessories available if required.

If anyone is interested please contact me for further details.

rivkah1943@btinternet.com

ELJC Support Group 07904 813162

Do you have any questions about Jewish life, ethics, rituals, texts, Liberal Judaism? Why not ask the Rabbi? Questions for Rabbi Mark can be sent to him directly or emailed to newsletter@eljc.org for forwarding.

Chana Sophia Yaffe & Tirtza Singer, who will be singing in the Festival of Spirituality, have very kindly offered to do an informal singing & storytelling or meditation session for anyone in our Community who wishes them to do so. If you are willing to host such an event, please let Rebekah know so that arrangements may be made.

Chana and Tirtza are looking for volunteers who would be willing to help them hand out flyers for their concert at the Festival of Spirituality and Peace. If you are interested in helping out, contact Rebekah at rebekah.gronowski@googlemail.com.

A Gaelic language television company in Glasgow called MnE Media (www.mnemedia.tv) is currently producing a series for a new Gaelic Digital channel operated by the BBC and the Gaelic Media service which is due to go on air this September. The series will be made up of five entertaining documentaries celebrating Scotland's diverse multicultural communities. Each programme will focus on five or six people and follow their lives with a focus on entertainment rather than anything too serious. One will be a programme about the Jewish community within Scotland. If you are interested in contributing to or possibly appearing on the programme, contact producer Derek MacLean at derek.maclean@mnemedia.tv

Many thanks to all who contributed this month. Items for publication are welcomed, as are responses to items published. The deadline for the next newsletter will be <u>Monday, 18th August.</u> Please email all contributions to <u>newsletter@eljc.org</u>.